

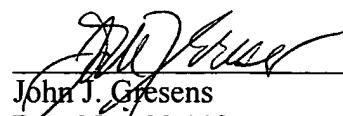
Therefore, in the preceding amendments, Applicants have canceled claims 5 and 12.
Examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

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